

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 99-5-10**

Date Prepared: May 6, 1999

For Work Week Commencing: May 10, 1999

Business Meeting: May 10, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

Inquiries General inquiries concerning this Utility Division agenda and subscribing to notice by mail may be made to Dennis Crawford at (406) 444-6182 or Dan Elliott at (406) 444-6187. They may refer inquiries to another person within the agency.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. D99.3.52 – Ronan/Hot Springs v. USWC termination of intraLATA Toll – Further discussion of mater, direction, action as necessary (5/10/99)
2. D97.7.90 – MPC USBC, Order on Reconsideration – Discuss/Act on Draft Order on Reconsideration (5/11/99)
3. N99.4.102 – UtiliCorp Energy Management application for brokering license —Discuss/Act on license application (5/11/99)
4. Missouri-Yellowstone Water Co. (Sidney) – Discussion, direction, action as necessary on inquiry from homeowners association (5/11/99)
5. D99.3.62 – Mid-Rivers petition for EAS (Billings) – Discussion, direction, action as necessary on petition for EAS, update on additional EAS requests, if any (5/11/99)

6. D98.10.226, 228, and 235 – Lincoln, Nemont and Triangle's intraLATA equal access plans – To get final Commission approval of Lincoln, Nemont and Triangle's intraLATA equal access orders (5/11/99)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. DOCKET D99.4.101 (Martin)

On April 19, 1999, MDU filed to amend its Gas Extension Policy Rate 120 to add an Incremental Expansion Surcharge option. The option would be applicable to natural gas line extensions when costs resulting from MDU's existing extension policy might discourage customer participation. The option would apply in MDU's discretion, would apply in instances where 10 or more customers participate, and would require, per participating customer, a \$100.00 initial charge, a \$5.00 per month charge, and a per dk charge designed to provide recovery of the contribution required within a 5-year period (\$1.50 per dk for costs expected to be recovered within a 5-year period and a greater amount per dk for costs not expected to be recovered within a 5-year period). The surcharge would remain in effect and apply to all customers connecting to service in the expansion area until the contribution requirement is satisfied. MDU also proposes certain Rate 120 references to specific tax rates be deleted so that amendments need not be filed each time a tax rate changes. Staff recommends approval.

2. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS - Docket N99.4.100 (Kate)

On April 16, 1999, US West filed for approval of its proposed "Do Business From Anywhere" promotion to run from May 17 through June 25, 1999. Under the promotion, US West will waive the non-recurring charges for customers who subscribe to various call forwarding features, call waiting, caller ID, and business voice messaging. Customers who subscribe to the volume calling connection plan will get a one-time credit of \$10. Wireless headsets will be given to customers who subscribe to an additional Centrex 21 analog line or an additional flat business line or an

additional ISDN line or who begin or upgrade business packages. Caller ID boxes will be given to customers subscribing to Smart Set/Smart Set Plus or Call Manager Connection.

3. AT&T - Docket N99.4.103 (Kate)

On April 19, 1999, AT&T filed for approval of its proposed "PR \$750 Bill Credit" promotion to begin May 4. The promotion provides bill credits to AT&T Digital Link customers when they subscribe to certain other AT&T business services. Customers will receive a \$750 bill credit payable in the fourth month's bill following enrollment. Participating customers must request an installation date of no later than July 31, 1999.

4. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.4.97 (Nina)

On April 16, 1999, U S West Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 99-25, to remove "976 Information Delivery Service and 960 Network Access Service," from tariff. This was a notice item 5/3/99. Staff recommends approval.

5. RSL COM U.S.A., Inc. & One Step Billing, Inc. - Docket N99.4.95 (Leroy)

On March 5, 1999, RSL COM U.S.A., Inc. and One Step Billing, Inc. filed a notice to the Commission that RSL COM U.S.A., Inc. has acquired the subscriber base of One Step Billing, Inc by RSL COM U.S.A., Inc., effective October 1, 1998. One Step Billing, Inc. ceased operations December 8, 1998.

6. ZENEX Long Distance & Prestige Investments - Docket N99.4.94 (Leroy)

On April 7, 1999, ZENEX Long Distance and Prestige Investments, Inc. filed a notice to the Commission of the intention to sell all of the issued and outstanding stock of ZENEX Long Distance to Prestige Investments. ZENEX will remain in existence as ZENEX with only the ownership changing.

7. U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.4.98 (Tina)

On April 16, 1999, USWC filed Tariff Transmittal 99-AC02. The purpose of this filing is to introduce the FastPIC option and to eliminate the charge to carriers for unauthorized PIC changes.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. Global Crossing, LTD and Frontier Corporation - Docket N99.4.105 (Leroy)

On April 20, 1999, Global Crossing, LTD. and Frontier Corporation filed a joint application for the approval of the transfer of control of Frontier Corporation's Montana Operating Subsidiaries to Global Crossing Inc.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-5-17**

N99.4.105 – Global Crossing (Leroy)

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D99.5.114 – AT&T /Sprint – Petition for release of IntraLATA freezes without prior authorization

N99.5.115 – USWC – Tariff Centrex Prime Promo

N99.5.116 – USWC – Tariff Call Waiting, Caller ID/Call Waiting Promo

N99.5.117 – USWC – Tariff Intro Business CustomChoice Package

N99.5.118 – USWC - Tariff Intro of Integrated T-1 Service